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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VIETNAMESE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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1. IN DISCUSSING OTHER SUBJECTS WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA, I MENTIONED POSSIBLE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF VIETNAMESE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO DISCUSS WITH MEXICAN AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS THE SYSTEM OF LAND REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT UTILIZED IN THIS COUNTRY. I SAID MINISTER WISHED TO SEE ONLY WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS AND DID NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY.

2. RABASA TOOK SURPRISINGLY STRONG STAND AGAINST VISIT SAYING THAT IF WE COULD BE GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY NO PUBLICITY HE WOULD NOT OBJECT AND HE REALIZED THAT VISIT DID NOT HAVE ANY POLITICAL OBJECTIVE. HOWEVER HE SAID THAT WE COULD NOT BE SURE OF THIS AND ANY LEAKS TO EFFECT THAT ANY TALKS WERE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN MEXICAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING TO GOVERNMENT. HE SAID POSITION WOULD BE PRECISELY THE SAME IN THE CASE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS. THEREFORE HE ASKED THIS VISIT NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE FOR PURPOSES STATED. COMMENT: I SUPPOSE IF MINISTER WISHES TO COME AS TOURIST
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HE COULD APPLY FOR VISA IN WASHINGTON, BUT IN ANY EVENT
CONVERSATIONS WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS IN MEXICO DO NOT
APPEAR FEASIBLE. RABASA SUGGESTED THAT MINISTER COULD
OBTAIN THE INFORMATION HE DESIRED FROM MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.
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